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FOR AMBASSADOR OSBORN FROM VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH THAI PRIME MINISTER

REFERENCE: BANGKOK 32085 AND RANGOON 3932

AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE GUB
OFFICIALS THE GIST OF VANCE/WHITEHOUSE DISCUSSION WITH
THAI PRIME MINISTER THANIN. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED IN
REFTEL, THANIN STATED THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS
MATTERS PERSONALLY WITH US OFFICIALS ON A PERIODIC BASIS.
HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD WISH US TO GIVE HIM ANY EVIDENCE OF
MISBEHAVIOR OF THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH REGARD TO
ILLICIT NARCOTICS. THANIN WAS REMARKABLY PERSUASIVE AS TO
HIS INTENTIONS. NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH AND NEW DIRECTOR
GENERAL NATIONAL POLICE ARE ALSO IMPRESSIVE IN THIS CONTEXT.
AS EMBASSY SUGGESTS, PERFORMANCE WILL BE WHAT COUNTS, BUT
AUGERIES HAVE MUCH IMPROVED. KISSINGER

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